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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)**

**SUBJECT : Snapshots of CORONA and ARGON Programs**

1. The attached Polaroid snapshots present a brief review of the CORONA and ARGON Programs from their inception through CY 1962.

2. We in OSA, in particular, Development, Contracts and Operations personnel, have been gratified by the contribution these programs have made to our National Intelligence. We feel the long struggle from development to an operational system of 80 percent reliability has justified the faith of all those who worked so faithfully to develop this capability.

3. I believe you will find the data of value to yourself or for possible presentation to other interested personnel as the occasion arises. The briefing charts are available in OSA in the event you desire to make use of them at any time.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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**Attachments - 6**  
**Photographs**

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